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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: July 1, 1954
2nd conversation

SUBJECT: Guatemalan situation

PARTICIPANTS: American Ambassador Michael J. McDermott - San Salvador, El Salvador
Assistant Secretary Henry F. Holland

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Amb. McDermott reported that the planes were still there. The plane is on the way over to Amb. Peurifoy's and should be there in a few minutes. Amb. McDermott asked if he were instructed to go over. He said the President was trying to hold both of the parties. Monzon was there at the Palace. Castillo Armas was reluctant to go over. President Osorio had just asked if Amb. Peurifoy had something concrete to offer. Mr. Holland asked Amb. McDermott about the two men. Amb. McDermott said the difficult one was Castillo Armas. Mr. Holland asked Amb. McDermott if he knew what the problem was that was keeping them apart. Amb. McDermott said Castillo Armas does not trust Monzon and the people who are in there now. He wants to be chief of the whole thing himself.

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